

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 6 and 8-11 are pending.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 are allowed.

Independent claim 10 and claim 11 depending therefrom are rejected.

To place this application in condition for immediate allowance, claim 10 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claim 11 is amended to depend from claim 1.

Upon entry of the Amendment, which is respectfully requested, claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-9 and 11 will be pending.

In Paragraph No. 3 of the Action, claims 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over JP 2003-295432 in view of JP 2002-107534.

As noted, independent claim 10 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claim 11 is amended to depend from allowed claim 1, rather than from claim 11. Thus, the rejection is moot.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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